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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2800  
PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 5006

Makoto OKADA, *et al.*

Art Unit: 2872

Application No.: 10/574,833

Examiner: Joshua L. Pritchett

Filed: May 17, 2006

Attorney Dkt. No.: 060626.00016

For: POLARIZING ELEMENT AND OPTICAL SYSTEM INCLUDING  
POLARIZING ELEMENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.**

**Remarks are submitted beginning on page 8.**